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At noon, SHIRATORI, MATSUDAIRA and I had lunch at the Kuwana Hotel and since it was a farewell party for SHIRATORI, we conversed leisurely. When we meet each other, SHIRATORI talks, comparatively speaking, extremely intelligently. He was grieved because there was no prominent figures in the Foreign Ministry. SHIRATORI said: "I will leave for Italy on the 10th of November." I said: "Anyway, instead of becoming the Foreign Minister now, I think it is better for yourself and for the public, if you went to Europe for 2 or 3 years and gained some experience."

西園寺原田日記抜萃

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「それから正午白鳥と松平と三人で藥名で食事をして、白鳥の送別會といふ事でゆつくり話して見たが、白鳥は曾つて話をすれば比較的に極めて筋の分つた話をする。兎に角外務省に人物のよいことを試みて居つたさうして白鳥も「十一月十日には發つてイタリヤに行つて来る」と云ふから、それから自分は「まあ、兎に角今外務大臣になるよりも、二三年歐羅巴で一つ大いに磨いて来る方が、個人の爲にも亦公の爲にも好いと思ふ」と云ふやうな話をして、」（それから四時に……）